

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM OF ISRAEL

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1) CHOPPED OFF HEADS.

("Mivrak", 23.8.48.)

Every day brings with it a fresh and poignant reminder that we are at war. War is a serious business, its toils and burdens are to be accepted in the spirit of the French proverb "A la guerre comme à la guerre".

But in this war we have been discriminated against as in everything else. In a striking contrast to ordinary wars, one can hardly speak here of two contending armies. On one side there are desert savages and rabble, led by British assassins and Nazi butchers; on the other - a fine army that not only is not permitted to do its duty, but what it has already done is being spoiled by others.

On the shoulders of the soldiers stand the heads of the State, though they are in no way greater than the former. The stream of blood has not inspired them with courage, strength or understanding nor are they an inseparable, organic part of the national body - they are connected to it by nothing except their party ties.

This is the reason of the striking divergence between the ability and sacrifice on one side and blundering political leadership on the other.

This is the cause of the last revolting atrocity, committed in Jerusalem. We are not speaking about the horrible chopping off of heads of Jewish soldiers, nor of the mean firing at the medical mission searching for dead bodies in accordance to a preliminary agreement, nor of the untold number of victims buried secretly - God knows for what reason - by the accomplices in crime, men of the Red Cross. Yes, all these are atrocities, new links added almost daily to the long chain beginning at the "Hayotzek" building, Kefar-etzion Block, etc. etc.

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But a worse atrocity is being committed in Jerusalem, the terrible, unspeakable atrocity of conducting negotiations with the butchers a day after the heads were chopped off, through the mediation of the selfsame "neutrals" who witnessed the horrible deed, who coldly refused refuge to our wounded soldiers, who delivered out brethren into the hands of Arab scum.

Colonel Moshe Dayan is sitting together with the assassins, whose hands have held the severed Jewish heads, in the presence of a gang of cynical spies, conducting negotiations about a few hundreds of square metres.

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The Colonel does not give his troops an order to attack and destroy the gang of ruthless assassins, who respect neither the laws of war nor the terms of truce.

The Colonel and his Government are still waiting for some "grave" breach... The blasting of the pumping station was not sufficiently grave, though it is going to cost the Jews of Jerusalem added untold suffering of thirst, the State of Israel - more expenditure, and will give British manufacturers some more dollars. The chopping off of heads and firing at medical mission was not grave either, otherwise 36 Arab prisoners of war would not have been released in exchange of decapitated bodies.

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Other "heads" are hovering over the body of the nation and drip - with politics and protests.

## 2) AWAKENING?

(Broadcast 23.8.48.)

The questions that Mr. Shertok so naively asks the Security Council are ludicrous enough to force a smile even on the lips of loyal Mapaiists. What he asks can be rightly summarized as follows: "Dear Security Council, tell me, please, to what an extent I am permitted to violate the truce. If I do violate it, will you be just sore or will you penalize me? If you penalize me, what will be the nature of the penalty? Will it be light or severe? Shall I be able to bear it?"

It seems the Government is beginning to feel the evil effects of the truce and is staggering under its unsupportable weight.

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But if it has any hopes of violating the truce by kind permission of the Security Council, then it is bound for a disappointment and, what is much worse, will make itself a laughing-stock and lose the prestige the success of Jewish youths have given it.

There is only one way to get rid of the truce - a large-scale offensive, launched in spite of the Anglo-Saxons. Such an offensive will lend weight to our demands in the Security Council, and there is no force in the Middle East, capable of halting it.

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